

DEADLY DAMP.

Indian Territory the Scene of Another Colliery Horror.

Nine Men Reported Killed and an Unknown Number Wounded.

FIRE-DAMP EXPLODES IN MINE NO. 1 AT ALDERSON.

Details of the Calamity Not Yet Obtainable—Nothing Known of the Accident by the Company's Officials in St. Louis—An Indiana Town Well Shaken—Fire Destroys Half of an Iowa Town and Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Elsewhere.

DENISON, Tex., March 14.—The mining district of South McAlester in the Indian Territory north of here, at the junction of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the Choctaw and Great Southern railroads, is the scene of another colliery horror.

This morning an explosion occurred at Mine No. 1, near Alderson, six miles east of McAlester, and nine men are reported killed and a large number wounded. The cause of the accident and the names of the men killed and injured cannot yet be ascertained. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire damp, although all these mines are inspected regularly by an official appointed for that purpose. The mine belongs to the Choctaw Coal & Railway Co., whose president is Charles Harbison of Philadelphia, and it is managed by J. D. Bradford and Supt. E. Ludlow. This mining district was the scene of a terrible calamity on Jan. 8, 1892, when an explosion in mines Nos. 9 and 11 at Krebs, operated by the George Coal Co., destroyed the lives of fifty-seven men and wounded over 100 others, many of whom are crippled for life.

The St. Louis office of the company is in the Commercial Building, Col. J. D. Bradford, the general manager, and Purchasing Agent George Minch.

When he was sent a Post-Dispatch reporter, Mr. Minch said he had no news of any kind from McAlester. "But there is another Choctaw Coal Co. operating in the same district," he said, "and we had an explosion that this office would be informed by this time. We have a mine No. 1 at Alderson and a No. 2 at Krebs, and we are working there at this season of the year."

After having been informed of the report Manager Bradford made a statement to the agent at McAlester, but up to a late hour this afternoon had received no information.

TWO EXPLOSIONS IN A DAY.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 14.—The town was shaken by two big explosions yesterday. First a lot of nitro-glycerine "let go" on the highway near a village of the city, where men were drilling a well. A big hole was torn in the ground and buildings for miles around were shaken.

The other explosion was at Alexandria, a neighboring town. A party was strolling near the regulator of a gas works and the bag of dynamite exploded, blowing the men and shattering the buildings. The third one was but slightly harmful.

ENGINEER SWEENEY'S GENUINITY.

MONTREAL, Mexico, March 14.—The particulars of a wreck on the Mexican Central have been received at this place. A fourth-wheel freight, while taking a "let go" on the station, was run into by a north-bound freight, killing Engineer J. T. Sweeney of the south-bound train. The engineer was killed, and the wreck was due to the carelessness of the engineer and the fact that the freight was run into him without any warning.

THE BOSTON FIRE.

BOSTON, Mass., March 14.—After a brief investigation made by Horace Partridge & Co. it is given out that the recent fire originated in the men's south toilet-room in the third floor of their building; cause unknown. Another victim is thought to be added to the list of killed, as Chaucery Page has been missing since the fire.

SPLINTERS.

THEIR BOAT CAPSIZED.—A boat containing three men, a woman and a child, both of whom were killed, was capsized on the Illinois River near Ottawa. The boat was carrying a load of lumber and the men were attempting to land it when the boat capsized.

WESTERN KANSAS FIRES.—Reports from Western Kansas state that the prairie fire continues to rage in Groves, Lane, Ness, Hodgman and Garfield counties. It is known that three lives were lost in Ness county.

A LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES.—By explosion of the boiler of engine No. 530 of the Philadelphia, Reading & New England Railway, at St. Ritzo, N. J., fireman George A. Shufeldt and Engineer James A. Lathrop were instantly killed.

FALL UNDER A TRAIN.—Charles Straugh, a freight conductor on the Chicago & North Western, fell under a train at Quincy, near Astoria, Ill., tried to make his way over the cars to the engine. He tripped and fell, the train passing over his body, killing him instantly.

QUITS A STRIKE HAS BEEN MADE BY CLOTHES SOAP. It helps women wonderfully. Try it.

SAFE-BLOWERS AT WORK.

They Attempt to Open the Strong Box at George Fritsch's Store.

Safe-blowers entered the store of the George Fritsch Furniture, Stove and Carpet Time Payment Co., 1507 to 1517 South Broadway, between the hours of 10 o'clock last night and 7 o'clock this morning and attempted to rob the safe in the office, but were frightened away before they had time to accomplish their purpose.

The safe is a small old-fashioned one weighing about 600 pounds, and is opened with a key. The key hole was filled with common gunpowder, a quantity of which was left standing by the safe-blowers. The safe-blowers commenced to drill through the top with a No. 10 steel drill, and when they had bored through the top they succeeded in boring through about one-half the thickness.

THOUSANDS NEW STYLES MEN'S PANTS, \$2.50 to \$5, just received.

GLOBE, 701 to 715 Franklin avenue.

A New Horseshoe.

From the Chicago Herald.

A new horseshoe recently patented here for its special object the obtaining of better footing and the lessening of concussion or jarring effect upon the animal's feet. The shoe is made with apertures extending through it, located between the positions usually occupied by the nails. The openings are of the form of a semi-circle and are provided with the intervening solid metal portions of the shoe. Projecting through the apertures are elastic rubber strips which are fixed on a strip of rubber or leather intervening between the metal shoe and the wall of the hoof and through which the nails are driven in the operation of shoeing.

Business of hats at the Globes. Nobbiest and latest spring styles regular \$2.50 and \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS.

To-day was a very busy day in real estate circles, despite the inclemency of the weather. Speculators and investors were heavy buyers of downtown property, and there was considerable activity in suburban property.

\$25,000 in two weeks. The Dover Investment Co., composed of Phillips Lenz and other members of the Eastern Investment Co., reported on creditable authority to have sold for \$20,000 the 121-100 acres of the Berthold property purchased by them last fall. The purchasers are said to be the Benton Real Estate Co., a local syndicate of real estate men and capitalists. Mr. Lenz and his associates own the property for \$27,000 or about \$1,700 an acre. They clear a handsome profit on the deal.

The tract is located between the Stringtown road, Compton Avenue and Grand Avenue, and between the Wilmington road and Dover street. It is on the proposed route of the Carondelet extension of Seullin's California avenue line, which will, it is expected, be completed and in operation before long. The purchasers of the tract will carry out the plan of improvement the Dover Investment Co. has in view, and will run three private streets through the property from east to west with gate entrances on the street. The tract is 140 feet wide on the east line and 140 feet wide on the west line, and is 140 feet deep. A portion of the twenty-first street front is improved with buildings bringing in a rental of about \$8 per cent on the purchase price. The property was owned by Catherine K. H. Swaine of Toledo, O., to W. H. Alexander, B. & C. a new passenger depot, it is expected, will be built on the four blocks between Nineteenth and Twenty-first streets, on Washington Avenue and Morgan street. The purchases by the C. & N. R. Co. Railroad in the district described for this purpose, and the purchases of ground for a right of way to enter their new depot have been the principal cause for the great demand for property between Washington and Cass avenues and east of Twenty-second street, particularly along Morgan street.

Great changes are expected in this district early in the year. The tenement houses will give place to factories, wholesale houses and other concerns that want to be near the railroad for shipping facilities.

Farmer & Tate late last evening sold the southeast corner of Seventh and Market streets for \$45,000 from Miss Harriet Blanchard of Philadelphia to Col. Samuel Simmons, President of the St. Louis Mutual House Building Co. The property has a frontage of 50 feet on Market street by a depth of 134 feet. It is occupied by old and dilapidated buildings, which bring in about 6 per cent on the investment. Col. Simmons has a plan for erecting a first-class fire-proof building on the site for a permanent investment.

Mr. George F. Davis.

The other person whom we know was cured by the same remedy was Mr. L. F. Strickland of 55 Taylor street, Cleveland, O. He says:

"I have taken Dr. Cassell's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and I feel like a new man. I have cured me of chills, hot flashes, bloating after eating, cold feet and shortness of breath. I have had a fitful for over twenty years and it is almost gone now. I can express how thankful I am for this wonderful remedy."

TERRIBLY ANNOYING.

Something the Bravest of Us Are Worried By.

It Makes Us Feel Out of Sorts, Irritable and Even Cross.

And Why People Will Endure It More Than We Can Understand.

Biliousness is the plague of people. As everybody knows, it is always worse in the spring.

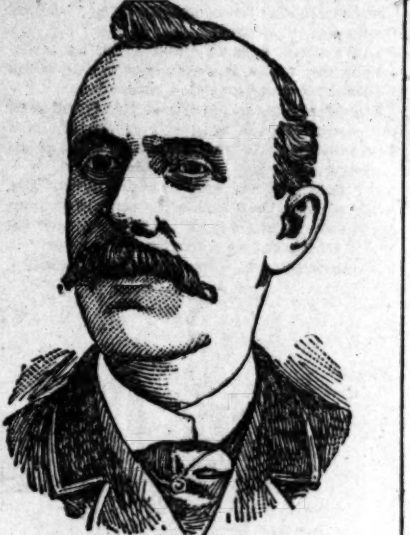
Now, as we know something which will surely cure it, we will give the experience of two gentlemen whom we know.

George F. Davis lives at 187 Mill street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

"I had terrible attacks of biliousness and bilious colic," he said, "every four to five weeks, with a gradual increase in severity. Although I sought a cure through four or five leading physicians, the best they could do for me was only temporary relief."

"I used Dr. Cassell's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and while taking the first bottle I had only one bilious spell. When the second bottle was about half taken I had one more attack, but very much lighter, and this was the last attack I had."

"At the end of six months I was in better health than for five years before, and now I consider myself completely and permanently cured. I would be pleased to answer all letters of inquiry."



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Every body out of order use this remedy. Every body needs to take something in the spring for the liver, blood and nerve, and this is the best spring medicine. All druggists keep it for \$1, and it is purely vegetable and harmless.

It is highly recommended by the doctors, especially at this season of the year. It is, in fact, the prescription and discovery of a physician, Dr. George F. Davis, of New York, the renowned specialist in curing all forms of nervous and chronic diseases. He can be consulted free, personally or by letter.

Every body out of order, or who is not feeling just right, should use the remedy now.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued to-day:

Samuel D. Hines.....Southern Hotel
George Summerville.....Springfield, Ill.
Sophronia Panis.....Springfield, Ill.
J. C. Stahl.....5240 Dorsett av.
Louise Herzog.....5358 Shaw av.
Frank H. Benson.....1105 St. Ange av.
Louise Kuntz.....510 S. 4th

PURE IS-IT. GOLD WEDDING RINGS.

MEMPHIS & JACOBARD JEWELRY CO.,
COR. BROADWAY AND LOCUST ST.

Deaths.

COSTIGAN—On Monday, March 13, at 6:30 p. m., MARY COSTIGAN, beloved wife of Thos. F. Costigan, daughter of Bridget and the late John Mathews.

Funeral from the family residence, No. 1224 North Nineteenth street, on Wednesday, March 15, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

GINN—On March 14, at 9 o'clock a. m., JAMES GINN, aged 35 years.

Funeral at the house of his mother, No. 10 North Fourteenth street, Wednesday, March 15, at 2 o'clock p. m.

HOEHMAN—Monday morning, March 13, 1893, at 9:40, CASPER HOEHMAN, aged 50 years, beloved husband of Theresa Hoehman and father of Mrs. John J. Stor (see Hohmann), Minnie, John H. and Jos. W. Hohmann.

Funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock from his late residence, 1025 Olive street, to St. Joseph's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend. Please omit flowers.

MONAHAN—At San Jacinto, Cal., Sunday evening, March 12, our dearly beloved brother, J. ALBERT MONAHAN, son of Patrick and the late Catherine Mahan.

Due notice of the funeral will be given later.

MURPHY—On Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p. m., JEREMIAH MURPHY, beloved husband of Mary Murphy and father of Mrs. D. H. Hegarty, Mrs. Wm. Hicks and Charles Murphy, after a lingering illness.

Funeral will take place from family residence, No. 1128½ Chestnut street, on Wednesday, March 15, at 2 p. m., to St. John's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

PERLIN (Ill.) and Terre Haute (Ind.) papers please copy.

TILSON—March 14, at 1 a. m., ANNIE TILSON, aged 39.

Funeral from Compton Hill Chapel, 3145 La Salle street, Thursday at 1 p. m.

Burial Permits.

The following burial certificates were issued to-day:

Lydia Pearson, 23 mos., St. Mary's Infirmary; due to an operation.

Thomas Ryan, 15 yrs., St. John's Hospital; obstruction of bowels.

Henry Monahan, 29 yrs., 1200 N. 10th st.; cont. Mary Kavanagh, 4 yrs., 1211 Biddle st.; gastric irritation.

John Fox, 24 yrs., St. John's Hospital; typhoid fever.

Ted W. Sleser, 49 yrs., 1225 Clinton st.; consumption.

Edmund Pocock, 1 yr., 1333 Vandeventer av.; spinal meningitis.

Anton House, 30 yrs., 709-909 consumption.

Ullrich Orlitz, 77 yrs., 4028 Chestnut st.; dropsy.

William Warner, 6 yrs., 3949 Washington av.; diphtheria.

Never Fails.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Wife: "Don't you believe the gas meter is defective in some way?"

The husband, who was a gas fitter, and who had just finished the job, said: "No, but I notice it is able to fill the bill every month."

When Master Comes.

April 2 is not very far off, and those who have economical spring gowns and bonnets have already bought their diamond street for coloring the dress, ribbons and feathers.

Don't forget the children's Easter eggs. For 10 cents you can purchase a package of diamond Easter eggs (four colors) that will make several dozen eggs bright and gay.

Curry, Underwood & Barney

DRY GOODS CO.

AS LEADERS OF STYLES AND FAIR PRICES

Select This Week.

In which they offer all advanced styles in

Silks, Velvets

and

Novelty Bengalines

And desire a careful comparison of

QUALITY and PRICES.

Curtain Department,

THIRD FLOOR,

Have Opened To-Day Large Assortment

Mitcheline Curtains,

Something New,

for Summer Portieres and Couch Covers.

Assortment of Thirty Different Colors. Reasonable Prices.

Lace Curtains Cleaned to Perfection.

A JUDICIAL MUDDLE

Provisional Judge Houck Severely Rebuked by Judge Ware.

RECEIVERSHIP OF THE ST. L. C. & FT. & R. R. CAUSES UGLY CHARGES.

Judge Ware Accuses Judge Houck of Having Contrived With His Brother, Louis Houck, President of the Company, to Defeat the Action of the Court.

The receivership of the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Ft. Smith Railway Co. resulted in a sensational episode in the court of Stoddard county, at Bloomfield, Mo., when the case was called yesterday.

The company has been in default in the payment of interest on its bonds and its long-indebtedness and taxes. Mr. E. G. Merriam, who owns about \$50,000 bonds (being a part of the first mortgage indebtedness) began a suit on March 8 in the Circuit Court of Stoddard county, asking for the appointment of a receiver.

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Novelty Bengalines

On to-morrow (Wednesday) we will sell to any purchaser of goods at OUR NEW STORES 4 pounds of Best GRANULATED SUGAR for One Dime. We will also give every one rare BARGAINS in every department—and some very Special Prices on

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—Wilson Barrett.
OLYMPIA—Robert Manteau.
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Weather forecast for thirty-six hours be-
ginning at 8 a. m. to-day: For Missouri—
Generally fair Wednesday; northerly
winds, becoming variable; colder Wednes-
day morning, followed by rising tempera-
ture.

The storm central yesterday in Iowa has
moved eastward to Lake Erie, while behind it
has appeared a severe cold wave. Zero temperatures
now cover the northern half of Minnesota and
Dakota, while freezing temperatures are reported
as far south as Abilene, Ft. Smith, Cairo and
Indianapolis. Light frosts of snow have occurred
in the Upper Mississippi Valley.

St. Louis forecast: Fair; continued cold Wednes-
day morning, followed by warmer.

We offer a reward of \$25 for the con-
viction of any person caught stealing
SUNDAY POST-DISPATCHES from private
premises.

THE registration books close at 9 o'clock
to-night.

It is not a new form of government that
France needs, but a landslide election.

The test of fitness should supersede all
other considerations in the city election.

THE only vote worth anything to the
city is a vote directed by knowledge of the
fitness and honesty of candidates.

THE blanket indorsement of local party
candidates by local party organs will
doubtless influence blind voters who can-
not think.

CITIZENS whose names are not on the
registration lists with correct addresses by
9 o'clock to-night will have no vote on
election day.

ANOTHER scandal in the School Board is
brewing; or perhaps it should be called an
old scandal rejuvenated. Text-book
men have come to town.

THE Missouri Legislature is getting
ready to expire. To prolong its session
would be to saddle unnecessary expense
upon the railway and telephone com-
panies.

It is strange that there should be any
opposition to a fair appropriation for the
State University. If the State cannot
provide adequate buildings and properly care
for its University, better abolish it at
once.

EX-SENATOR INGALLS' bank received de-
posits up to the hour when it closed its
doors. This extreme politeness to deposi-
tors is often practiced by banks just as
they go out of business. The rude sud-
denness of some kinds of news is such that
it has to be withheld at times.

AMAZEMENT is felt because the Presi-
dent of the New Jersey Senate, "a man of
education having respectable social rela-
tions and a lawyer by profession,"
stopped to serve a lot of race-track gam-
blers and sharks. But use and wont for-
bid amazement. It will be found that just
such men are often most servicable in
such causes. "Social relations" do not
forbid strange political bedfellows, as we
in St. Louis know too well.

THE failure of the Montana, Wyoming
and Washington Legislatures to elect
Senators and the subsequent appointments
by the Governors of those States give the
Senate an opportunity to study fairness.
Two of the appointees are Republicans and
one a Democrat. The admission of all
three cannot disturb Democratic ascendancy
and the precedent in favor of exclu-
sion is doubtful and partisan. They should
all be let in. The Democratic party can-
not afford to indulge in peanut politics at
this juncture.

THE commission which President Cleve-
land is thinking of to inquire into the
Hawaiian conspiracy will probably not
find much that is new. The facts are that

Claus Spreckels and his friends have by
means not necessary to describe got hold
of all the good land on the island and want
to enjoy their monopoly without hindrance
from the people whom they have dis-
possessed. And they rightly thought that
under Republican rule they would get
ample protection if annexed to the United
States. There is nothing else in the game.

AUDITOR BROWNE.

Mr. Walbridge's supporters are circu-
lating a handbill containing in large type
an extract from a POST-DISPATCH editorial
of Dec. 23 in which Auditor Browne was
sharply and justly reproved for not having
taken some steps to force President Wal-
bridge and his Chairman of Ways and
Means and Comptroller Stevenson to pro-
duce monthly reports of cash settlements
with Treasurer Foerstel as the law directs.

The law made it the duty of the Republi-
can chairman of Ways and Means, in
conjunction with the Republican Comptroller,
to exact such settlements from the
Republican Treasurer and to report them
regularly every month to the Council and
to the Auditor. In blaming the three
Republican officials whose gross breach of
trust had permitted the crookedness in the
Treasurer's office to go on undetected for
five months, and until exposure came in
the form of an attempt to burn the City
Hall, followed by the suicide of the
Treasurer's son, the POST-DISPATCH also
blamed the Democratic Auditor for being
cognizant of the laxity of these Republican
officials and for failing to make the public
aware of it by calling in the newspaper
reporters or in some other way making a
fuss about it.

The law did not make it his official duty
to do this, and we did not charge that he
had in any way made himself legally re-
sponsible for the laches of other officials,
but we held them, and hold now, that no
consideration of official courtesy or deli-
cacy growing out of the fact that the of-
ficials in charge of the Treasurer's books
were all Republicans should have re-
strained him from doing something extra
official which might have nipped the Foer-
stel embezzlement in the bud.

A man who has served the city as long
and well as Auditor Browne must have
made a noble record if this is the worst
blemish that can be found in it. We do
not see how supporters of the Walbridge
ticket can very well afford to compare the
Auditor's official relation to the Foerstel
matter with that of the Council President
who they now desire to promote for his
indulgence to Foerstel and Ziegenhein.

THE NON-PARTISAN VOTE.

In the last election ex-Gov. Chas. P.
Johnson received 13,000 votes for the office
of Circuit Attorney against the regular
nominees of both the Democratic and Re-
publican parties. The large vote was cast
for an Independent candidate on the brief-
est possible notice and without positive as-
surance that he would accept the office,
if elected, and as a protest against the
tricky attempt of a disreputable com-
bination to work both political organizations
for their purposes. In a previous election an
Independent ticket nominated in revolt
against the party machines polled nearly
10,000 votes. In many elections this non-
partisan vote makes itself felt for good by
the defeat of candidates whose unfitness of
character or bad official records are made
prominent.

The facts are significant. They show
that there is a large body of citizens in St.
Louis willing to act independently of party
affiliation in local elections whenever it is
clearly demonstrated to them that the
occasion demands. They suggest that
securing good government in this city is
merely a matter of utilizing the electoral
forces at hand.

But in order to realize the full benefit of
this available factor in the cause of sound
municipal administration it is necessary to
proceed in the right way to direct it.
There is need of concentration through
guidance which is both intelligent and
honest. This independent vote is made up
in the main of men who lean to one or
the other of the parties and do not lightly give
up their party allegiance. They are honest
men and men of intelligence. They are
induced to revolt against party organiza-
tions they must be convinced that there is
good cause and that the revolting move-
ment is based upon sound reason and is led
by men upon whose honesty of purpose
and method they can rely. They cannot
be controlled by a star-chamber caucus or
led by a clique of disgruntled politicians.
It is not reasonable to expect them to re-
spond to the call of a few men who, how-
ever honest in their impulses and objects,
do not show that their action is based
upon careful investigation and delibera-
tion and do not give frank and convincing
reasons for it.

Whenever the citizens of St. Louis want
to assure the election of honest and effi-
cient officials they have only to form a
representative organization, which will
examine into the characters and records of
all candidates nominated for office and
in the light of that examination ad-
vise voters for whom to vote and
give reasons for the advice. The proceedings
of this organization should be open and its
selection of candidates supported by a free and frank ad-
dress giving the grounds of its selection.

Independent action of this kind would
command the support of the independent
voters and would practically assure good
municipal government for St. Louis. The
moral effect of an advisory committee of
this sort would be such that the actual
nomination of an independent ticket
would rarely be necessary. It would give
substantial effect in the concentration of

the best voting elements upon the best
candidates to the work of enlightening
citizens with regard to candidates which
the POST-DISPATCH has done in previous
elections and proposes to do in the ap-
proaching election.

THE Philadelphia Record, which usually
holds that a Pennsylvanian can do no
wrong, utters this plaintive wail:

The Pennsylvania Legislature is negotiating
good bills, pushing them on and hurrying
necessary ones in order to adjourn in time for
the opening of the World's Fair and a junk-
eting wind-up of a profitless session.
Substitute Missouri for Pennsylvania,
strike out the junketing reference and the
above bill do very well as a compendious
history of the remarkable gathering at
Jefferson City. State Legislatures are as
like as two peas.

THE Rev. Mr. Layfield's charge that at a
church entertainment in Kansas City a big
man had been dressed in a woman's
clothes, and that a landlady club ta-ra-ra-
boom-de-ayed, is likely to create some
opposition to such gatherings. The absurdity
of the weak brother in feminine apparel
might be passed over, but even the church
people must be weary of ta-ra-ra-ra.

BLOODGOOD H. CUTLER, a Long Island
farmer, has given \$10 and written a poem to
help out Mr. Talmage's church. "I will ap-
plaud him with my pen; to help will give of
dollars ten," writes this generous bard. The
poor people, at least, have no doubt of
the excellence of Mr. Cutler's verses.

SOME Bolivian Indians in New York are so
ugly that they spare the public by wearing
masks. It has long been supposed that our
North American Indians are about as
"plain" as nature would permit, but they
are doubtless beauties compared with these
Bolivian visitors.

The sudden return of Harrison weather
may be attributed to the ex-President's
hunt, now in progress over in Illinois. It is
likely the six Nimrods accompanying him
provided themselves with wraps of adequate
density.

PRESIDENT DIAZ has great designs for the
future. His idea now seems to be to bring
the City of Mexico fully up to the intel-
lectual height of Boston. Beans are now im-
ported to Mexico free of duty.

THERE seems to be no trouble as to what
we should do with our ex-Secretaries of the
Navy. Mr. Tracy is already practicing in a
silk case of soda case in the New York Supreme
Court.

TWO HUNDRED portraits of Paderewski
have been stolen, but he must expect such
things so long as he persists in his present
fascinating manner of wearing his hair.

A NUMBER of Wisconsin women have re-
cently been sawing wood. No doubt Wis-
consin women can saw wood, but can they
"saw wood and say nothing?"

FARMER CHILDREN of Illinois, who has just
lost \$1,000 worth of hogs by a rabid dog, is
not agitating for a dog show in his part of
the State.

MR. INGALLS now seems to be a banker,
as well as a statesman, out of a job.

Who Will Watch the Court?

From the Chicago Herald.
When the Chicago Reading railroad cor-
poration came into the courts McCleod,
Paxon and Wilder were appointed receivers.
McCleod and Wilder were officers of the
railroads in the combine, and their appoint-
ment to manage the corporate wrecks was
very much like the assignment of a gang of
pirates to sell the cargo of a captured vessel
and award the proceeds to the proper own-
ers. Now comes the announcement that sev-
eral New York capitalists, among whom are
George Coppel, William M. Eitens, Isaac
Seligman, John D. Probst and J. Kennedy
Tod, have been appointed by the stockhold-
ers a committee to watch the receivers in the
management of the bankrupt corporation.
If the affairs of the Reading combine should
continue to go from bad to worse another
committee will be needed to watch this com-
mittee who are to watch the receivers.

A Practical Suggestion to Slummers.

From the New York World.
Not until society shall cease to shed tears
over the "Song of the Shirt," and make in-
stead some practical inquiry as to the causes
of the working girl's poverty, can anything be
done towards finding a remedy for these ills.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

[No matter written on both sides of the paper can
appear under this head.]

Why the Poor Should Not Lose Faith.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
That arch and artistic "kicker" "Uncle
Tom" in Sunday's issue of the paper to-
day row the feelings of his readers with a tale of
seventy-three widows in one North St.
Louis congregation. He does not say they
are all poor, but uses the number simply to
aid the misery of the widow which is the
subject of his story. Some of these poor women, it appears, have
to work for 40 cents a day at sewing shirts.
And under the pressure of poverty own
ment the inhumanity of man to man and
questions the goodness of God because he
allows such things to be.

Now if our pessimist will turn the female
help wanted columns of the same paper that
his sacrilegious sacredness will find there
are 28 positions offered.
If he will consult the employers of female
servants he will encounter a complaint on
complaint about the scarcity of good girls.
He will find \$12, \$15, \$18 and \$20 per month
and board offered those who are competent.
Is it God's fault that these people live in
poverty? Is it God's fault that they are
unable to take these positions? Is not the
fault their own? Either of incompetence
or foolish pride that will not allow them
to accept as so-called servile work, but
rather starve on a pittance of 40 cents a day?
Before "Uncle Tom" goes into any more
harrowing descriptions he should make sure
that the remedy is not ready to hand to re-
fute his false inferences. There are plenty
more harrowing tales for our pessimist to
exercise his powers on. For instance, the
large number of able-bodied men who
walk our streets at night, having "had
nothing to eat for two days," but as soon
as the alms are obtained their desire for food
or lodging vanishes miraculously, and the
nearest saloon profits by the mistaken kind-
ness of the giver. Yes, let "Uncle Tom" go
on his career of "kicking." It probably
amuses him and hurts no one but those fool-
ish enough to accept his statements without
question.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

N. E.—The charges should be paid by the
gentleman.
OAK HAZARD.—The stamps referred to have
been retired.

NORTH ST. LOUIS.—Write to the Fall
Festivities Association, Jacobus Building.
A. E. B.—There is no constitutional objec-
tion to a President serving three terms.

F. D. G.—In case of the death of the Presi-
dent and Vice-President the Secretary of
State and not the Speaker of the House of
Representatives succeeds.

GRAND AVENUE.—The engagement ring is
worn on the third finger of the left hand.
Diamond rings are most generally selected.
It is not customary for the lady to give her
husband an engagement ring.

MAD FOR OFFICE.

The Political Pot Boiling in the East
and West.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS INTERESTING
THE MANIPULATORS.

National Births Are Not Going Begging
—Frank Patton Makes Fun of Mis-
souri Applicants—Republican League
Officials Gathered in New York—The
Churches Interested in New Jersey
and Kansas.

LITTLE ROCK, March 14.—The Democrats of
Little Rock are holding a Democratic primary
election to-day for the nomination of candi-
dates for Mayor, Treasurer, Police Judge and
sixteen Aldermen. The contest for Mayor is
the only exciting feature of the election, there
being two candidates in the field, M.
G. Hall, a prominent and wealthy wholesale
grocer, and Frank H. Gray, the captain of
Eagle Light Battery and ex-Alderman from
the First Ward. Capt. Gray is a very
popular man with "boys" and some
very exceedingly clever work is
being done to secure his nomination.
Charles F. Fowler for Treasurer and E. B.
Blanks for Police Judge have no opposition.
Heretofore the City Council was composed of
job hunters and was also on the nomi-
nation extended, taking in Argentina,
a town of 10,000 inhabitants on the
Tennessee side of the river, the city has
been re-districted and is now composed of
four wards, each entitled to two representa-
tives. In each ward there is a group of
six candidates for aldermen. There is only
one man in each ward who is a Republican.
The Third, but there is a bill pending in the
Legislature allowing cities of the first-class
population to elect aldermen at large. The
bill becomes a law, Little Rock will elect
sixteen Democratic aldermen in April.

AN AIR OF MYSTERY.

NEW YORK, March 14.—An air of deep mys-
tery surrounded the Executive Committee of
the Republican National League, which met
in the Plaza Hotel last night. The purpose of
the meeting was also held in the hands of
Clarkson in his call, was to arrange a pro-
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FRANK PATTON'S FLING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Ex-Post-
master General Frank Patton says in the
evening edition of the Washington Post to-
day that in 1883 the Missouri delegation
went to meet at night in one of the upper
rooms of the Riggs House. Throwing the
corridors below was an anxious throng of
office-seekers. Every now and then an usher
would come down, beckon to one of them,
open the door and lead him into a room.
There he was handed a square
sheet of paper which certified that John
Smith had been elected to the Senate.
The Missouri delegation was not meeting this
year. They are issuing no diplomas. The
job hunters had not been elected to the Sen-
ate from the Missouri delegation would be
as good as dead as far as the political
delegation, but there is an indefinite feel-
ing in the air that delegations generally, so
far as the district rule is concerned, do not
weigh more than 500 pounds apiece.

A DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE.

EMPORIA, Kan., March 14.—For the first
time in the history of this city partisanship
will enter into municipal politics. At a large
meeting held at a hotel here last night, the
Democratic and Republican parties of the
city agreed to form an alliance for the pur-
pose of electing a Democratic-Republican
ticket to the city offices. The meeting was
attended by a large number of citizens and
it was decided that the alliance should be
based upon the principle of "as much as the
Populists are secretly holding political
caucuses, therefore it behooves Republicans
and Democrats to join hands and make an
open fight." It was therefore resolved to
put a straight anti-alliance ticket in the field
for all city offices.

TAMMANY'S SHARE OF THE SPOIL.

NEW YORK, March 14.—There appears to be
some uncertainty as to what share of Presi-
dent Cleveland's patronage Tammany will
get.
Tammany leaders are in the dark about ap-
pointments to New York Federal offices.
They know the President will please himself
in making nominations to the important
places, and they rely upon a general assur-
ance given by him to Richard Croker that
"Tammany" will be treated "fairly."
But Croker has not been definite in his
terms. His understanding of what
"fair" treatment would be, nor have
Tammany leaders put forth any positive
demands on the subject. Anti-Tammany
democrats are doing the talking, and the
reform club has been making the most
of the "machines" going to smash and
appointments from the President is that the
President will give the Collectorship of the
Port to one of their people and the Post-office
to a Tammany man.

A CHURCH TICKET.

NEWARK, N. J., March 14.—A call has been
issued by the Executive Committee of the
Citizens' League to the pastors of all Newark
churches to send representatives to a con-
vention of the League, to be held at an early
date in Newark, for the purpose of forming
an organization which will be organized
time a plan of campaign will be formulated
and active and aggressive work will be com-
menced. The movement is non-partisan and
the only object of the League at present is to
nominate candidates known to be adverse
to the race track and kindred measures.

AN EXCITING SCHOOL ELECTION.

KROOK, N. J., March 14.—The school elec-
tion here yesterday was the most exciting
in the history of the city. The vote was 2,543,
and considerably exceeded that cast at a
Presidential election. A. J. Wilkins, Re-
publican candidate for trustee, had the
largest number of votes, but he lost to Z.
A. Fox, the A. P. A. candidate, and George
D. Hand, the Catholic nominee. Fox re-
ceived 1,348 and Hand 825.

WASHINGTON IN IMMENSE DEPOSIT.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—During the last
session of Congress \$7,000 was appropriated
with which to pay employees of the Bureau of
Engraving and Printing and to meet inci-
dental expenses during the present fiscal
year. The money was placed in the hands of
C. Dugan, who was under the influence of
the engrossed bill signed by the President
and carried the sum of \$7,000. The error cannot
be rectified until Congress again convenes.

GEN. SLOCUM MIGHT HAVE HAD IT.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Western Con-
gressmen who approached the President to
urge the claims of a Western candidate for
the office of Commissioner of Pensions are
authority for the statement that Mr. Cleve-
land informed them that he had about de-
cided to appoint an Eastern man to this
position and that the office would have gone
to Gen. Slocum of New York, if his advan-
ces had been permitted him to undertake
his onerous duties.

INCREASED CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Customs
receipts are increasing and during the
month of March it is anticipated that they
will foot up \$18,000,000. For the first ten days
of this month the receipts at all ports of New
York from customs have aggregated \$4,200,-
000, as against \$3,900,000 for the correspond-
ing period of last year.

THE NAVAL SECRETARY'S SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Secretary

Herbert has appointed Louis Finney his
private secretary. He will relieve Mr. Ray-
mond, who is now filling this position, about
the 15th inst. Mr. Raymond was private sec-
retary to Secretary Tilden.

AMENDED QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Secretary
Carlisle yesterday amended the quarantine
regulations recently promulgated so as to
provide for the inspection of passengers
taken aboard ships at intermediate ports of the
United States consular offices at the port, or
in his absence, by the local health officer.

THEY WANT A BONUS.

Manitoba Railroad Builders Interviewing
the Government.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, March 14.—The chief
topic here is a proposed new road between
Winnipeg and Lake Superior, paralleling the
Canadian Pacific. Men interested say they
have \$8,000,000 New York capital ready to
build the line and that all they want is a
guarantee of the local government to go on
with the work. A strong deputation of citi-
zens waited on the Government to urge that
body to call a special meeting of the Legis-
lature and pass the aid asked. The scheme
was fully outlined by which the
promoters propose giving to this province
another competing line to Port Arthur and
Duluth. The intention, as stated, is to run
the proposed line from Winnipeg south to the
Canadian Pacific, tapping the Rainy River
country, and through to Port Arthur and
Duluth. The new company has made ar-
rangements for running over the latter line
to Port Arthur. The connection with the
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DAWN OF A NEW ENTERPRISE.

INITIAL OPENING TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), MARCH 15, AT 9 A. M.

THE FAIR

SOUTHWEST CORNER

Seventh and Franklin Avenue,

Will open with a superior assortment of Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Gents' Furnishings, Millinery and Cloaks—offering the Greatest Value for the Least Money of any store in the city. We cater to no particular class—all are treated alike—and no question of our ability to satisfy you, no matter what your position in life.

Ten complete and distinct stores blended into one mammoth establishment under one roof.

MEN'S CLOTHING

An assortment par excellence, consisting of the newest styles and fabrics in Single and Double-Breasted Suits, Cutaways for business and dress, Prince Alberts, etc.

HAIL TO THE WORKINGMAN—Complete, well-made Suits, \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50.
FOR DAILY BUSINESS WEAR—Best material, style and fit, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15.
FOR NOBBY DRESSERS—Large assortment, cut in latest style, superior workmanship and finish. Be in the swim—for \$16.50, \$18.50 to \$20.
BANKERS' ATTENTION—Present a rich appearance. You can do so by wearing our Finest Grade Suits, cut in all styles, of a fit and finish unsurpassed—in prices ranging from \$22.50, \$25 to \$30.
TEN THOUSAND pairs Men's Pants, ranging from \$1 to \$7.50. We can suit any man WHO WEARS PANTS.
The greatest line of Fashionable **SPRING OVERCOATS** ever shown in St. Louis—from \$7.50 to \$20.
Mail Orders receive prompt and careful attention.



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A New Stock, a New Enterprise, a New Store, fitted out with the most modern of modern appliances. In the construction of this building no point conducive to the comfort of patrons has been neglected—a building metropolitan in appearance and conducted upon essentially metropolitan principles.

Ten complete and distinct stores blended into one mammoth establishment under one roof.

BOYS' and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

CHILDREN'S Knee-Pant Suits, ages 4 to 15—\$1.50, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5 to \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10.



Special Notice.

OUR GRAND

Formal Opening

Wednesday, March 22.

Watch for the
ANNOUNCEMENT.

General Departments and Their Managers:

Space forbids us to elaborate upon the various features of our vast enterprise, other than to briefly indicate and name the heads in whose charge they will be placed.

MR. M. R. BROWN, President,
And Manager Clothing Department.

MR. MAURICE LEVY, Secretary and Treasurer,
And Manager Finances.

MESSRS. J. FRIEDMAN and W. ZEILLER,
Managers Shoe Department.

MR. CHAS. E. JOHNSON,
Manager Gents' Furnishing Goods Department.

MR. J. B. GANNON,
Manager Hat Department.

MR. E. C. MOULTON,
Manager Cloak Department.

MR. GEO. A. KIRSCHBAUM,
Manager Millinery Department.

MR. ED J. CLIFFORD,
Manager Advertising Department.

CAPT. E. A. WARREN,
Superintendent Clothing Department.

MR. WM. O. M'LEAN,
Chief Accountant.

MRS. C. S. HIGGENBOTHAM,
Chief Cashier.

MISS MOLLIE HURD,
Chief Stenographer.

MR. JOHN DARTIS,
Manager Receiving and Shipping Department.

MR. JOHN HANSON,
Chief Electrician.

MR. WM. WILEY,
Chief Wrapper.

MISS GRACE LANE,
Timekeeper.

PETER ADAMI,
Chief Janitor.

ANDREW STEDMAN,
Watchman.

THE FAIR
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SHOES.

WE CARRY A COMPLETE AND HIGH-GRADE LINE OF

Children's, Ladies' and Men's Shoes,

In All Widths and Styles.



CHILDREN'S Street and Dress Shoes, in colors, Kid, Goat and Patent Leather, 35c to \$2.

MISSES' Shoes, in all styles and widths, best quality, from \$1.25 to \$3.

LADIES' HIGH SHOES and Oxford, in all the latest styles and shades, for street and dress wear, \$1 to \$5.



BOYS' SHOES we are offering at prices that deserve your attention. In Goat, Calf and Kid, for school and dress wear, from \$1 to \$3.

SHOES FOR WORKINGMEN and business wear, \$1 to \$3.

MEN'S DRESS SHOES, all the late styles, in best Calf and Patent Leather, \$2 to \$6.

Cloak Dep't.

Here's a "Flyer" in Jackets

To Open our New Department.

Regarding the worth of these Jackets all we have to say is: Any one in the lot is worth more than double the price we ask you.

One lot of 50 Jackets, in light and dark shades, full-lined with silk, for

\$5.98 EACH;

Worth from \$12.00 to \$18.00.

This lot of 50 Jackets, unlined, cut tip top, tailor-made garments for

\$3.98 EACH.

Black and light colors.

50 more prime bargains in Jackets for

\$2.98 EACH.

See if you can match them for \$6.00

At the same time our complete stock—the largest selection in the West—consisting of all the new styles and colors of Wraps, Capes, Jackets, Suits, Waists, etc., will be open for sale and inspection.



GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

The largest stock and variety of Staple and Fancy Furnishing Goods shown in the city. All the latest novelties and newest effects we offer you at PRICES THAT CAN'T BE BEAT. A few of our introductory leaders:

A good Unlaundered Fast Color Boys' Waist, 25c.
The Foster Patent Button Waist, all styles and prices.
The Mother's Friend Waist, all the latest, 50c.
The celebrated Star Waist, all new patterns, 75c.
Men's Laundered White Shirts, the best in the city, 75c.
Our Men's Unlaundered Shirt, a marvel, for 50c.
Men's Starched Collar and Cuff Shirts in nobby patterns, for spring and summer wear. Must be seen to be appreciated. A look even at our show-window will convince you that we are leaders in this line.
A choice line of Men's Neckwear in endless variety for 25c, 50c and 75c.
10 gross All-Silk Boys' Windsors, stylish patterns, 25c.
Boys' extra length and extra heavy ribbed Double-Kneed Hose, guaranteed fast black, 25c.
And the wage-workers will also receive our strict attention, with Working Shirts, patent Overalls and Jumpers at the lowest prices.

HAT DEPARTMENT.

Our specialties and novelties in this line exceed those of any collection in any store in the city. We are offering the latest blocks of the best manufacturers in the country for prices far below those of any exclusive hat store in St. Louis.

We are showing only the nobbiest shapes and latest colors in our Men's Department, and fond and loving mothers will be surprised when they see our newest and natty FANCY HEAD-WEAR for children.

Boys' and Children's Fancy Hats and Caps, worth 50c, for 25c.
Boys' assorted Cloth Hats, satin-lined, worth 75c, for 38c.
Boys' blue and brown Cloth Hats, worth 75c, for 43c.
Boys' fancy Military Caps, worth 75c, for 49c.
Boys' Regulation Bicycle Caps, worth 75c, for 48c.
Boys' fine Cloth Hats, in light and dark colors, worth \$1.25, for 68c.
Boys' Crush Hats, satin-lined, worth \$1.25, for 75c.
Boys' latest style DERBY Hats, worth \$1.50, for 88c.
Boys' FINE DERBY Hats, our own brand, worth \$2, for \$1.18.
Men's Crush Hats, satin-lined, worth \$1.25, for 98c.
Men's latest style Derby Hats, worth \$1.50, for 98c.
Men's fine Derby Hats, our own brand, worth \$2, for \$1.25.
Men's latest style FEDORA Hats, in fur, satin-lined, worth \$2, for \$1.25.



MILLINERY.

Special attention has been given to our Millinery Department, and we are showing all the Latest Eastern Novelties and Designs. Also, Pattern Hats and Bonnets. Our stock in this department has been most carefully selected, and we are prepared to offer you the Greatest Value for your money of any Millinery store in the West. We are now offering entirely new lines and late arrivals at prices that will surprise you. Connected with our Millinery is a special Trimming and Repair Department, conducted by most efficient assistants.

FLOWERS we have in endless variety, consisting of Violets, Pansies, Roses, etc., from 8 cents per bunch upwards.
We are making special offers of Untrimmed Shapes in CHILDREN'S HATS from 18c to \$1. MISSES' HATS, 24c to \$1.25. LADIES' HATS, for street wear, 50c to \$1.75.



Refresh Yourself With a Cup of Blanke's Excellent Exposition Coffee.

Mr. M. H. McHugh will display on our third floor the celebrated Blanke's Exposition Coffee Pot, and give free of charge to every visitor a cup of Blanke's Exposition Coffee—the best coffee in the world.

ELECTION NOTICE—The annual election of the Quark Onyx Co. for eleven directors occurs Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the office of the company, 69 S. Broadway. Polls open from 9 to 12.
J. F. LEIGHTON, President. QUARK ONYX CO.